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15. [ ] George Gilbert, Legislative Reference, ~~Office of Management and Budget~~, called concerning our latest draft reply, dated 14 September 1973, to Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, on H. R. 4294 and H. R. 6364, which provide additional retirement benefits for former POW's and MIA's, including Government civilian employees. We revised the report at OMB's request to avoid any inconsistency with the DOD position which is in opposition to the bill. Gilbert suggested certain nonsubstantive changes and if we accept them, the report can be forwarded to Hebert. I told Gilbert that the changes should not present a problem but would require final approval by the Director.

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16. [ ] LLM) Called Jim Woolsey with respect to the follow-up items resulting from the executive session hearing today before the Senate Armed Services Committee on St. George's allegations and it was tentatively agreed that we would provide a paper on the telephone procedures in effect on 17 June 1972; Woolsey would go to INS regarding the passport used by St. George in entering the United States in January 1953, (but I would supply the name and number of the official to call); if needed for the public record, we could provide an affidavit by a responsible Agency official concerning the negatives asserted by the three officers having contact with Martinez in 1971 and 1972; Mr. Colby's statement under oath concerning the watch officers on duty should suffice and there would be no need making the affidavits themselves public, other than those of Messrs. [ ] and Osborn, which bear directly on the issues and finally if needed for the public record, we could provide an affidavit by a responsible Agency official concerning the negatives needed with respect to the report of contacts with Martinez in 1971 and 1972. In view of the importance of the affidavits stated in question, Woolsey would like to review them in the same way we handled the sensitive supplement to Vol. 3 of "Documentation provided by CIA." We will try to have all material up to him by Monday.

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17. [ ] - LLM) Woolsey called that Laurence Stern was pushing him for an explanation of the inconsistency between a question posed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) and Colby's response as set forth in Colby's confirmation hearings. I told Woolsey that the error was in Kennedy's question as the meeting between Ehrlichman and Colby took place in November of 1971 and not November of 1972.

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25X1 18. [redacted] Referring to my call to her some weeks ago, Hilda Schreiber in ~~OMB~~ called to approve adding to our proposed cost-of-living amendment our recently approved Civil Service amendment reducing the period of marriage for a surviving widow or widower from two to one year. I told Schreiber that in view of the Senate's action today in passing our bill we could not make an addition at this time but thanked her for thinking of us and told her we would include the change in the amendments still pending with OMB.

25X1 19. [redacted] In view of the news coverage of our morning sessions with the Senate Armed Services Committee on [redacted] 25X1 allegations which intimate an Agency connection with [redacted] I called 25X1 Woolsey to alert him to the 29 October letter from Fulbright on the same subject and reviewed with him our proposed reply. Woolsey said he would like to have the substance of our reply once the letter is sent to Fulbright.

25X1 20. [redacted] In the absence of Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, talked to Ellie Voghtmann, assistant to Mr. Holt, concerning the availability of Secretary Kubisch and Ambassador Davies' testimony before the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee during the last week of October. She was able to contact Holt later in the morning who advised that it would be necessary to obtain Secretary Kubisch's and Ambassador Davies' approval and to gain final permission from Carl Marcy, of the Committee staff. It would then be possible for me to review the transcripts in the Committee hearing room. I thanked Miss Voghtmann and told her that I would not pursue the matter further at this time. [redacted] has been advised.

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